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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPERS' FAREWELL TO DR. PLINIO MATOS MOQUETE

1. ON OCT 9, AS HE LEFT THE VENEZUELAN CONSULATE ON HIS WAY TO PANAMA, KIDNAPPER RADHAMES MENDEZ VARGAS THREW OUT OF THE MINIBUS WINDOW THE FOLLOWING NOTE ADDRESSED TO ML12E LEADER, DR. PLINIO MATOS MOQUETE. PORTIONS OF THE NOTE WERE PUBLISHED IN THE OCT. 10 MORNING PRESS. A ROUGH TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE NOTE TO DR. MATOS, WHICH WE EDITED TO GIVE SOME MEANING TO THE OFTEN NEARLY INDECIPHERABLE MENDEZ VARGAS PROSE, READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE ESTEEMED COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE WRITE TO YOU AT A MOMENT OF SUCH GREAT HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING OF THIS DRIVE FOR LIBERTY. OUR LAST ALTERNATIVE IN CASE THE GOVERNMENT STOOD RIGIDLY, AS THEY DID, WAS AT THE LEAST TO SEARCH FOR A WAY OUT IN ACCORD WITH OUR IDEOLOGICAL CONCEPTIONS CONCERNING HUMAN LIFE. IT IS OUR POSITION FROM A TACTICAL-STRATEGICAL POINT OF VIEW THAT IT WAS COMPLETELY USELESS TO ATTEMPT A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE SITUATION WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF OUR CAPTIVES AND OUR OWN,
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WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY CONSTITUTE A RESERVE OF THE REVOLUTION.

WE ARE COMPLETELY ASSURED THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW PAINFUL IT HAS BEEN FOR US THE BITTER REALITY OF LEAVING YOU IMPRISONED, BUT BEING CONSCIENTIOUS STRATEGIANS, WE BELIEVE THAT WAR IS NOT LOST WITH A BATTLE. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE HOPE AND WE ARE SURE THAT NEW AND WIDELY EFFECTIVE ACTIONS WILL RESULT IN THE NOT DISTANT FUTURE. TO EXPLAIN OUR DECISION, WE MUST TELL YOU THE FOLLOWING: WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING THE POSITION WHICH WE FORCED ON BALAGUER. NO, WE LEAVE BECAUSE IT WAS CONCEIVED THUSLY IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN. THE MORALE AND COMBATIVE SPIRIT OF ALL OF US WERE WORTHY OF A CHIEF LIKE YOURSELF. WE WERE NEVER IMPRESSED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY DISPLAY OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT NOR MUCH LESS WERE WE AFFECTED BY THE THREATS AND PROVOCATIONS OF THE PAPER TIGER THAT SURROUNDED US. IT DOES NOT SURPRISE US THAT THE "COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS" WHICH TURNED THEIR BACKS ON US IN A MOMENT LIKE THAT WHICH WE LIVED WILL APPEAR TOMORROW PRESENTING OUR DECISION AS A VACILLATION. THAT DOES NOT WORRY US AS PRACTICE IS THE MOTHER OF TRUTH AND THEORY WITHOUT PRACTICE IS NOTHING. WE HAVE LINKED WHAT HAS BEEN NECESSARY OF THESE TWO FACTORS IN OUR METHODOLOGICAL CONCEPTION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF POLITICAL POWER. FOR THOSE WHO INTEND TO LOWER OUR MORAL STATUS AND THAT OF THE ORGANIZATION WE TRANSCRIBE IN ORATORICAL LANGUAGE A FRAGMENT OF THE NOVEL OF DUARTE MOTIVATED BY THE ENFORCED DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTRY OF A GROUP OF THE TRINITARIOS.

"EIGHT WERE THE WRETCHED MEN WHO WERE DRIVEN OUT, BY EVIL HANDS, AFTER THEIR COMPANIONS, TO FOREIGN SHORES; BANISHED AS TRAITORS THOSE WHOSE LOYALTY SURPASSED THAT OF THOSE WHO ROSE AT THE CRIES OF GOD, COUNTRY AND LIBERTY.

"THOSE WHO GAVE DESIRED INDEPENDENCE TO THEIR PEOPLE, DRIVEN FROM THE LAND FOR WHOSE HAPPINESS THEY FOUGHT. THEY WERE SEEN GOING DOWN TO THE QUIET SHORE AND FROM THEIR MUTED VOICES I HEARD THE SOUNDS FLOATING THROUGH THE AIR."

ONWARD TO VICTORY. REVOLUTIONARY EMBRACES FROM YOUR COMPANIONS RAFAEL MARIA PACHECO, COLOMBINO LUIS MARIA PEREZ, FRANCISCO PASCUAL SANTANA, ROLANDO BARINAS PEREZ, RHADAMES UNCLASSIFIED

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MENDEZ VARGAS (WHO SIGNS IN THE CENTER AS CHIEF OF THE ORGANIZATION), RAFAEL N. CONTIN ALMANZAR AND LUIS BERNARDO GONZALEZ. END QUOE.
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